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SUBJ: PORTUGAL'S INTENTIONS RE ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 1059 (NOTAL)

(B) LOURENCO MARQUES 1003 (NOTAL)

1. PER REFTELS WE HAVE SOUGHT INFORMATION ABOUT PORTUGAL'S
INTENTIONS TO SUPPLY ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE, PARTICULARLY
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WITH RESPECT TO EXTERNAL DEBT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND FOOD

AID.

2. AS OF NOVEMBER 27 GOP HAD NOT DECIDED WHAT ACTION IT WOULD TAKE. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER REINO, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO HEAD UP A COMMISSION TO DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AID TO MOZAMBIQUE (AND WHICH WILL BE SENDING TEAM THERE IN NEAR FUTURE), INFORMED US THAT COMMISSION, STILL NOT PROPERLY ORGANIZED, HAS NOT YET DONE ITS JOB. PART OF DELAY REINO ATTRIBUTED TO TRAVEL ABROAD OF FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES AND INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION MINISTER SANTOS, WHOSE GUIDANCE COMMISSION HAS NEEDED.

3. REINO OFFERED TO LET US KNOW WHEN HE HAD MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION. WE WILL SEND IT ALONG AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT.

4. ON SPECIFIC QUESTION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S EXTERNAL DEBT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL INFORMED US THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT TO PORTUGAL IS DOLS 203.2 MILLION. IN ADDITION THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES DOLS 66.7 MILLION LOANED TO THE MOZAMBIQUE EXCHANGE FUND BY THE ESCUDO ZONE MONETARY FUND. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, MOZAMBIQUE'S DEBT TO PORTUGAL IS SYNONYMOUS WITH ITS EXTERNAL DEBT. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, HAS BEEN POSTPONING REPAYMENT OF THIS DEBT AND, GIVEN MOZAMBIQUE'S DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION, WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO DO SO.

5. AT THIS POINT WE CANNOT EXPLAIN DISCREPANCY BETWEEN FIGURES ON MOZAMBIQUE'S EXTERNAL DEBT GIVEN IN PARA 1 OF REF B AND THOSE CITED IN PARA 4 ABOVE BUT ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT.

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